

Program Announced For Miss. Convention

A. AND M. COLLEGE, Miss., Feb. 8.—The program for the fourth annual meeting of the Mississippi Association of Fairs, which will be held at the Edwards Hotel, Jackson, February 13 and 14, was mailed out to the members this week. Many matters not included in the program, but of importance to the fairs of the State, will be discussed, one of these being the arranging of county fair circuits as far as possible. The program follows:

February 13, 10 a.m., meeting called to order by the president, followed by a roll call, distribution of badges and payment of dues, welcome address by Mayor Walter A. Scott, with response by Honorable Brown Williams; annual address by President J. E. Frazer; an address, *Fairs a Stimulus to Agriculture*, by Honorable J. C. Holton, commissioner of agriculture, and single-file introduction of members and guests. At 1:30 p.m., *Relation of Extension Work to Fairs of the State*, by R. S. Wilson; *Appropriation to Agricultural Fairs as Practiced by the State of Tennessee*, Bob Roy, DeKalb County Fair, Alexandria, Tenn.; open forum, including such subjects as types and classification of exhibits and clean midways; *Should Day and Night Gate Admissions Be the Same, and How I Handle It*, E. P. Ford and S. M. Cain; a report of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, of interest to Mississippi fair managers, by R. H. Mullen; *How I Advertise My Fair*, H. S. Little, DeKalb; J. W. Helms, Carthage, and G. E. Denley, Coffeeville; report of secretary-treasurer, report on legislation by Mayor W. A. Scott, questions-discussion and election of officers. At 6:30 p.m. a banquet will be served to the fair delegates, guests and amusement folk.

On Friday morning, February 14, beginning at 9:30 o'clock, there will be committee meetings and secretaries will confer with carnival and other amusement people.

The present offices of the Mississippi association consist of Dr. J. E. Frazer, Canton, president; E. P. Ford, Laurel, active vice-president; A. G. Johnson, Gulfport, vice-president, and J. M. Dean, A. and M. College, secretary. On the executive committee are M. B. Potter, G. E. Denley and H. S. Little, while the legislative committee consists of W. A. Scott, Brown Williams and S. M. Cain.

Wortham Back to Billings

BILLINGS, Mont., 8.—The John T. Wortham Shows have been re-engaged to furnish the midway attractions at the Midland Empire Fair here September 1-5. The Wortham organization has played this fair for the last three years.

Among the Free Acts

MARSH'S WATER CIRCUS, under the management of Jerry R. Marsh, has signed contracts with the Barnes-Carruthers Fair Booking Association for the coming season and will again feature the Marsh Sisters. Marsh's Free Attractions will also take the road again this season under the management of Cutie Mae Marsh and featuring Marsh's Divers. This company has been booked as a free act, with a carnival opening March 15. The Marshes are wintering in Birmingham, Ala., and will leave there March 4 for Albany, Ga., to put their rigging in shape for the opening. Special paper will be carried, also all new costumes, etc.

AMONG THE free acts at the Wright County Fair, Howard Lake, Minn., will appear Madam Viola's Animal Circus, Aerial Lazellias, Fred Reckless, high-pole sensation, and Billy (Smiley) Daley. Acts at the Crow Wing County Fair, Pequot, Minn., will include Five Wallenances, Ralphs and May and Fred Reckless. All of these attractions are supplied by Williams & Lee.

FLYING BEHEES have closed their indoor season and are now in Houston, Tex., resting and at the same time getting things in shape for their summer tour with the John Francis Shows. Five people will be used in the act hereafter, consisting of Earl Behee, Sr.; Homer Atkinson, John Gibson, Mildred Butler (last season with the Flying Millers) and Clayton Earl Behee, Jr.

Fair "School" and High School Brought Together

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 8.—Getting school children interested in the fair, or should be, one of the greatest missions of every secretary-manager. Here in Memphis they are going other cities one better by "taking" a junior high school to the fairgrounds. The schoolhouse will be erected at the northwest corner of the grounds, at Central avenue and East parkway, south. Officials of the board of education and the Memphis Park Commission came to an agreement on the site after three unsuccessful attempts. The price has been set at \$42,000.

South Indiana Fair Circuit Dates Are Set

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Feb. 8.—Definite dates for holding county fairs in this section of Indiana next summer were fixed at a meeting at Shelbyville of representatives of five county fair associations. The associations holding membership in the Southern Indiana Fair Circuit and having representatives at the meeting were those of Lawrenceburg, Osgood, Columbus, Franklin and Shelbyville. The dates were arranged as follows: Lawrenceburg, July 29-August 2; Osgood, August 5-8; Columbus, August 12-15; Franklin, August 19-22; Shelbyville, August 26-29.

O. R. Jenkins, of Osgood, for many years secretary of the Ripley County Fair Association, was re-elected president of the Five-County Association; Francis Overstreet, of Columbus, was re-elected secretary.

Mr. Jenkins, M. F. Holman and Bert Starks, all of Osgood, were among those attending the meeting.

Four classes of professional races will be on the race program of each fair.

Indian River District Fair Second Week in March

VERO BEACH, Fla., Feb. 8.—The Indian River District Fair, at which Okeechobee, Martin, St. Lucie, Brevard and Indian River counties will be represented, will be held here March 10-15, instead of February 10-15 as mentioned recently in these columns. Managed by the Ellwood Dillin Productions Company, the fair will take over the dog track, with a seating capacity of 10,000; exhibit hall, accommodating 100 exhibits; special buildings for auto shows, women's building and county and community exhibits building, and will erect new sheds for cattle, poultry, etc.

An elaborate free-act program has been arranged.

France's International Fair

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The attention of exhibitors from the United States who may be interested in participating in the event is being called by the Department of Commerce to the forthcoming Sixth Annual International Exhibition and Fair to be held at Le Havre, France, April 19-May 4. While the exhibition will be primarily one for industrial products, the many features usually accompanying such an affair are expected to be in evidence.

Fair Elections

MEYERSDALE, Pa.—Stockholders of the Somerset County Fair Association met here January 27 and elected 17 directors, who in turn elected the following officers: W. H. Deeter, president; L. D. Peck, first vice-president; S. S. Rickard, second vice-president, and D. J. Pike, secretary-treasurer. The dates selected for this year's fair and races are August 19-22. A number of improvements are contemplated.

BROOKPORT, N. Y.—Dates for the annual Monroe County Fair were set at August 5-9, at the annual meeting of the organization. Officers elected were: President, Frank Butcher; first vice-president, Lewis Adams; second vice-president, Dr. Harry R. Green; treasurer, Fred B. Richards; secretary and general manager, Harold G. Dobson; race secre-

tary, Frank Shafer, and general superintendent, Edward Cotter.

DUNDEE, N. Y.—Howard L. Woodruff, for 25 years manager and secretary of the Dundee Fair, one of the few Western New York institutions to show profits for 37 continuous years, has resigned. Lewis R. Hamer was elected to succeed him. Other officers elected were: President, John J. O'Brien; vice-president and treasurer, Ira C. Ide; directors: Pierre L. Harpending, Charles Goble, Charles Watson, Charles Chadwick, Roy Roberts, Harry Harpending and all officers.

MARIETTA, Ga.—L. J. Steinhauer has been elected president of the Cobb County Fair Association. He succeeds M. D. Norton, who has served for three years. C. M. Head was elected vice-president; R. L. Vansant, secretary and general manager, and Bruce Overcash, treasurer. This year's fair will be the seventh one for the association.

MARIETTA, O.—Election of the Washington County Fair Association has resulted as follows: Lloyd Stacy, president; L. E. Apple, vice-president; H. B. Goddard, secretary; Luther Miller, treasurer. This year's dates are September 1-3.

NEW BREMEN, O.—The board of directors of the Shelby County Fair at its annual meeting elected the following officers for 1930: A. C. Dill, president; O. W. Hancock, vice-president; Warren A. Darst, secretary; B. O. Harman, treasurer. Dates for the next fair were fixed for September 9-12.

CONVERSE, Ind.—H. O. White has been elected president of the Miami County Agricultural Association, succeeding H. H. Parkers, who has held the office for several years. Other officers elected were: L. M. Summers, vice-president; W. A. Depoy, secretary, and W. J. Fift, treasurer.

HUMBOLDT, Ia.—All officers of the Humboldt County Fair Association have been re-elected as follows: E. A. Wilder, president; Cassie Skow, secretary; Abel Anderson, vice-president; R. D. Leland, treasurer. September 8-11 are this year's dates.

MONEE, Ill.—The following officers have been elected by the Monree District Fair Association: George S. Miller, president; Martin Harms, vice-president; Harry J. Conrad, secretary; Louis Fehland, treasurer; Hy Woeltje, general superintendent, with Chas. J. Stassen as assistant; Mrs. Hy Woeltje, ladies' general superintendent. Directors: Chas. Stassen, Geo. Eickmann, Harry Schultz, Fred Smith, Hy Felton, Louis Fehland, E. Knoop, Martin Harms and Hy Woeltje. Conrad has held the office of secretary for 18 years. The 26th annual fair will be held September 17-19.

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The entertainment was provided by Gus Sun Booking Exchange, Gordon Fireworks Company and Robinson-LaVilla Attractions, and included Mainard Baird's Orchestra; Ethel Edmonds, blues singer; Jack Robinson, dancer; Mary A. Swan and Jane Boyd, dancing team; the Hillbillies, instrumentalists; Kennedy and Martin, black-face comedians; Emile Thompson, dancer, and Virginia De Duall, juggler.

Dr. H. A. Morgan, president of the University of Tennessee, made the principal address at the banquet. He said that fairs are the greatest things in the country for presenting education to all classes of people; they bring all classes of people together where they can mix and mingle on the same social standing.

City Judge Bob Williams welcomed the representatives to Knoxville and presented them with the keys to the city.

J. W. Russwurm, secretary Tennessee State Fair, gave a talk on *Fairs, Past and Present*. The history of fairs from the very beginning up to the present date was outlined. Wednesday morning session was honored with the presence of Hon. Henry H. Horton, governor of Tennessee. Governor Horton made a fine address lauding the fairs.

"If the State is to enter upon the business of educating its citizens, it owes it to all citizens that every one shall have equal opportunities," he said. "The fair brings people out from all sections. Old and young alike learn from competition with others. The fair has an even greater future than its past, because it is an educational factor. Its value was one time a debatable question; it is now recognized as one of the greatest of all

organizations for the development and growth of our citizens."

F. F. Hale, Hawkins County Fair, spoke on how to bring people in at the front gate. G. L. Herrington, State club leader, spoke on *Boys' and Girls' Club Work*, and G. B. Thackson, Jackson County Fair, on *Community Fair and How It is Financed*.

Nashville was chosen as next year's meeting place. F. F. Hale, of Rodgersville, was elected president, and W. F. Barry, of Jackson, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Other officers elected were E. F. Rutherford, vice-president for East Tennessee; E. R. Braly, vice-president for Middle Tennessee, and T. K. Hoppel, vice-president for West Tennessee. Rob Roy, W. F. Barry and H. D. Faust were chosen as executive committee. Senator Frank D. Fuller, secretary Mid-South Fair, Memphis, who is at Hot Springs on account of sickness, was missed by his many friends. It was the first meeting that he missed.

The showfolk report having transacted considerable business and having had a very enjoyable time. Hugh W. Hill announced having booked the Hugh W. Hill Shows at the fairs at Murphysboro, Shelbyville, Fayetteville, Winchester and Lawrenceburg, Tenn., and Hartsell, Ala. Bob Sikes booked the Alamo Fair for Little's Exposition Shows.

H. D. Faust, secretary East Tennessee District Fair, Knoxville, announced that he had contracted with Bohumir Kryl to furnish the Kryl Concert Band at his fair.

1930 Fair Dates

Secretary W. F. Barry announced that the following fairs registered their 1930 dates with him:

Anderson County, Clinton, September 10-13; Bedford County, Shelbyville, August 27-29; Benton County, Camden, October 10-12; Bradley County, Cleveland, October 9-12; Bledsoe County, Pikeville, September 27; Carroll County, Huntington, October 2-12; Carthage A. M. & L. S. Association, Carthage, September 4-8; Chattanooga Inter-State, Chattanooga, September 13-20; Coffee County, Manchester, September 11-13; Clay County, Celina, August 8-10; Claiborne County, Tazewell, September 12-14; Crockett County, Alamo, September 15-20; Cumberland County, Crossville, September 19-21; Decatur County, Decaturville, September 19-21; DeKalb County, Alexandria, August 27-30; Dickson County, Dickson, September 25-28; Dyer County, Newbern, September 19-21; East Tennessee Division, Knoxville, September 20-27; Franklin County, Winchester, September 10-12; Gibson County, Trenton, September 2-6; Greene County, Greeneville, October 9-11; Grundy County, Tracy City, September 6-7; Hawkins County, Rogersville, September 10-13; Haywood County, Brownsville, August 20-23; Hardin County, Savannah, October 1-4; Hardeman County, Bolivar, October 8-11; Henderson County, Lexington, September 25-28; Henry County, Paris, September 24-27; Humphreys County, Waverly, September 11-14; Jackson County, Gainesboro, October 10-11; Lawrence County, Lawrenceburg, September 24-28; Lincoln County, Fayetteville, September 3-5; Lewis County, Hohenwald, September 25-27; Macon County, Lafayette, October 4-5; Maury County, Columbia, September 20-27; Mid-South, Memphis, September 28-October 5; Meigs County, Decatur, October 10-11; Morgan County, Deer Lodge, September 22-28; Morristown-Hamblen County, Morristown, September 16-20; Moore County, Lynchburg, September 7; Obion County, Union City, September 27-28; Overton County, Livingston, September 19-21; Perry County, Linden, September 12-14; Pickett County, Byrdstown, October 4-5; Putnam County Agricultural, Cookeville, September 4-6; Rutherford-Cannon County, Murfreesboro, August 20-22; Scott County, Oneida, September 6-7; Sevier County, Gatlinburg, October 4; Sequatchie County, Dunlap, September 6-7; Sullivan County, Piney Flats, September 11-13; Tennessee State, Nashville, September 15-20; Tipton County, Brighton, September 20-21; Trousdale County, Hartselle, September 27-28; Tri-County, LaFollette, September 3-6; Tri-County, Halls, September 26-27; Van Buren County, Spencer, September 27-28; Warren County, McMinnville, September 4-6; West Tennessee District, Jackson, September 8-13; Appalachian District, Johnson City, September 8-13; Wayne County, Waynesboro, September 18-21; Weakley County, Dresden, September 16-20; White County, Sparta, September 11-13; Wilson County, Lebanon, September 10-13; and Putnam County, Cookeville, September 20-23.